

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Interim Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year  
ended 31st December, 1940.

Medical Officer of Health

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To the Chairman and Members of the Disley Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brayshaw and Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting my Interim Annual Report for 1940.

1. (a) General Statistics.

Estimated Population	3,112.
Area in Acres.	2,112.
Rateable Value.	£23,397.
Estimated product of a penny rate.	£90. 11. 0.46.
Number of Inhabited houses.	969.

(b) Births.

Live Births	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	20	14	34
Still Births	-	-	-

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated Resident Population = 10.92.

(c) Deaths.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
(1) All causes.	17	10	27
(2) Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.	-	-	-
(3) Deaths of Infants under 1 year (legitimate)	3	-	3

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population = 8.67.

Death Rate all infants per 1,000 live births = 85.71.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) = 6.



2. (a) Infectious Diseases.

Disease.	No. of cases notified.	No. removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria.	2.	1.	-.
Measles.	17.	-.	-.
Pneumonia.	3.	-.	-.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1.	-.	-.
Totals	23.	1.	-.

Both cases of Diphtheria were very mild and were diagnosed only as a result of a positive swab report.

Nineteen swabs were submitted for examination during the year, two of which were positive.

Measles cases appear small in number when considered alongside figures for contiguous authorities and this would seem to suggest that parents despite warnings of the dangers of the disease rarely consult a doctor.

(b) Tuberculosis.

One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in a male, age group 25 - 35 years, was notified during the year as a "transfer in". One female case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, in the same age group, died.

The number of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1940 were :-

	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
Male.	5.	4.
Female.	3.	6.
Totals	8	10

Three specimens of sputum were examined for tubercle bacilli at the County Council Laboratory and all proved negative.

3. Centralised Slaughtering of Meat.

As a result of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940, of the Ministry of Food, the slaughter of meat for the Rural District was centralised at No. 2 Slaughterhouse, Stockport. In conjunction with other Districts concerned protests were made to the Ministries of Food and Health as to the state of the premises and it is anticipated that improvements will be made as the scheme progresses.

4. Evacuation.

On the 7th July, 85 children and 11 adults arrived from the Channel Islands. They had been billeted for a time in another District where facilities were poor and a good deal of cleansing was found to be necessary. This was undertaken by a staff of lady volunteers before the children were distributed to householders.

Only 31 of the original number of evacuees from Manchester remained in the District.

I am Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brayshaw and Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

H. R. DUGDALE.

Medical Officer of Health.